

BA-955

Falls Road Bridge over Gunpowder Falls
Pittsburg Bridge Company

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

FALLS ROAD BRIDGE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

carries Falls Road over the Gunpowder Falls in Gunpowder State Park

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Baltimore County

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Department of Public Works

CITY, TOWN

Towson

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21204**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

N/A

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Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

(County Engineer Inspection Survey for Bridge Replacement Act)

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Department of Public Works

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A four-panel Pratt through truss with wooden decking, open to traffic. Major members are riveted "lattice" beams. A smaller version of the Masemore Road Bridge which crosses upstream. (BA -957).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

6.9-9.5

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The bridge fulfills a valid scenic function in its current state.

Recommendations: The structure belongs to Baltimore County (subject to verification 9/1/79) but the DNR should go on record as supporting its continued use. "Upgrading" the road (a dirt road at this time) should be resisted. The wooden deck should be preserved if at all possible, since most of these once common aspects of iron truss bridges have been sacrificed. If maintenance ever becomes a problem, closing the crossing should be considered as at Masemore Road in order to save the major part of the bridge.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE N/A

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Hnedak

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Shoulders.....	9 1/2 @	10 1/2
Sides.....	14 1/2 @	15 1/2
Hams.....	25 @	30
S.....	20 @	40
.....	15 @	16
KEY.....	1.19 @	1.19 1/2

TOWSONTOWN

MEAT MARKET.



STILL AT THE OLD STAND,
ORK ROAD, NEAR THE POST OFFICE.

are selling to our customers and the public
may favor us with a call
F, VEAL, LAMB, MUTTON AND SMOKED
BEEF TONGUES.
the best quality and at the lowest prices.
DERS PROMPTLY FILLED, and meats deliv-
within a reasonable distance, free of charge.
16.—17 SAMUEL COLLINGS.

Married.

LETT-BURNS.—At noon Thursday, April 3d,
at the residence of the bride's parents at Tow-
son, by the Rev. Geo. L. Cuddy, WILLIAM H.
LETT and Miss KATIE E. BURNS, all of Baltimore
ty.

Died.

LES.—At Towson, on the 10th of April, 1884,
at past 1 o'clock P. M., of typhoid fever, DIXON
JAM, only child of Alexander B. and Lizzie
and youngest grandson of the late Maj. Gen.
n S. Miles, aged 3 years 4 months and 25 days.
YLAN.—On Saturday morning, April 5th, 1884,
ARD HERBERT, aged 1 month and 7 days, infant
of Mrs. and Emma R. Boylan.

—At Sextonville, 13th District, Baltimore
ty, on April 8th, 1884, Geo. W. COLE, aged 47
s.

UTLAND.—Suddenly, on the 8th of April, 1884,
at residence of his father, Hampden, Baltimore
ty, Rev. SAMUEL S. MAITLAND, in the 39th year
of age, rector of St. Mary's P. E. Church.

UTLAND.—Suddenly at Hampden, on the Falls
d, Baltimore county, on April 9th, 1884, BENJA-
MAITLAND, aged 84 years.

YLOE.—Near Kingsville, in Baltimore county,
FEB A. TAYLOR, in the 80th year of her age,
ow of the late Robert Taylor.

BERRYMAN.—At Resterstown, Baltimore county,
April 4th, 1884, VACHEL BERRYMAN, aged 74
s.

BERRYMAN.—At Resterstown, Baltimore county,
BERRYMAN, aged 64 years.

SEACEN.—Suddenly on April 5th, 1884, THOMAS
LACEN, Sr., aged 76 years.

EMIN.—At Catonsville, on Sunday, April 6th,
KENNALLA KENLEY, in her 22d year, eldest
ghter of the late Col. William H. and Josephine
lor, and wife of Thos. F. E. Firmin.

ANKS.—At the residence of Mr. Andrew Banks,
elsterstown, Baltimore county, on April 7th,
AY ANN, aged 83 years, eldest daughter of the
Thomas and Eleanor Banks, of Carroll county.

YENE.—At Windermere, on 6th of April, CARRIE
CON, aged 7 days, infant and only child of James
and Ida May Byrne.

ARLINA.—On April 8th, 1884, after a short but
ful illness, GEORGE, in the 25th year of his age,
eldest son of George and Barbara Kahler, of
lead, Baltimore county.

BA 955 FALLS RD. BRIDGE

Maryland Journal, Towson,
April 12, 1884, p. 2

PROPOSALS FOR AN IRON BRIDGE

Over the Big Gunpowder Falls, on the Road
from Parkton to Beckleysville,
Baltimore County.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BRIDGES FOR
BALTIMORE COUNTY,
Towson, April 9th, 1884.

Sealed proposals will be received by the County
Commissioners of Baltimore County from date
until

Tuesday, April 29th, 1884,

At 12 o'clock M.,

For a WROUGHT IRON PRATT TRUSS BRIDGE
OVER THE BIG GUNPOWDER FALLS, on the
road leading from Parkton to Beckleysville, Bal-
timore county.

Parties tendering must furnish a clearly made out
strain sheet of their design with the date on which
it was computed and showing also the areas of ma-
terial proposed to be given to each part.

Bidders are requested to be present on the above
occasion, when all the proposals will be opened and
read in their presence.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Bridge will be a through bridge, consisting
of one span 80 feet between masonry. The road-
way will be 12 feet wide in the clear and not less
than 13 feet high in the clear.

The distance from grade to bed of stream is about
20 feet, and the centre line of the bridge will be at
right angles with the face of the abutments.

The bridge must be proportioned to carry in ad-
dition to its own weight 75 lbs. per square foot of
flooring of moving load, starting at one end mov-
ing over until the whole span is covered. In addi-
tion to which the flooring system must be propor-
tioned to carry 5,000 lbs. on each pair of wheels.—
That is to say each stringer beam must carry 2,500
lbs. suspended from the centre. The stringer beams
to be of white oak, flooring to be 3 inch white oak.
All timber to be of the best quality.

Factor of safety shall be for the chords 5, for the
web system 5, and for all parts of the floor system 6.

MATERIAL.

The wrought iron used shall be of that quality
best suited to the purpose. The test for bars be-
ing that pieces cut therefrom shall be capable of
being bent cold without fracture until the two sides
of the bend shall approach each other within the
thickness of the bar. No iron in small bars to be
used with an ultimate strength of less than 45,000
lbs. per square inch or an elastic limit of less than
24,000 lbs. per square inch.

Before shipment all iron must have a thorough
coating of mineral paint well rubbed in and all
bright work must be protected with white lead and
tallow.

No bid will be entertained unless accompanied
by the signatures of two responsible parties who
will give the required bond in case of the award of
the contract. By order,

H. A. NAGLE,
Superintendent of Bridges for Baltimore County.
April 12.—3t

WILLIAM H. RE
SHAMBERGER & RISTEAU, ADV
April 12.—3t

John K. Ross, Attorney, 28 S.
Baltimore.



MORTGAGEE'S SA
OF
ELIGIBLE LOT
IN OR NEAR FRANKLIN
IN THE
FIRST ELECTION DIST
BALTIMORE COUNT

The undersigned, executor of the
testament of Clara A. Ross, decess
suance of the power and authority
mortgage from Rachael Adams to
dated April 10th, 1873, and recor
Mortgage Records of said county, in
No. 52, folio 211, &c., and the ass
from the said Eliza J. Miller and
said Clara A. Ross, dated July 16th
recorded among said Mortgage R
E. H. A., No. 52, folio 245, &c., sell b
at Court House door, Towson, on

Tuesday, May 6th,

At 3 o'clock P. M.,

ALL THOSE THREE LOTS O
In or near Franklintown, Baltimo
described in said mortgage.

The first lying between Franklin
Run, beginning on southwest side
the beginning of the south 36 1/2 de-
line of said lot, running and bound
290 feet to a break therein nearly o
it intersects Powhatan street, and
road 1 1/2 degrees west 90 feet to De
running along and on said Run ne
to a point distant from beginning
feet in a direction south 61 1/2 de-
thence north 61 1/2 degrees east to th
taining

ONE ACRE AND 35 PERCHE
MORE OR LESS

The second is in Franklintown,
the "Yellow Cottage Lots," beginn
the northeast corner of North Cen
streets; thence running south 56 d
to a stone; thence south 71 degree
stone; thence north 86 degrees eas
thence north 71 degrees east 60
thence north 27 degrees west 115
thence north 84 degrees west 33 fo
stone; thence north 86 degrees we
to a stone; thence north 77 degree
inches to a stone; thence north 60
feet to a stone on northeast corner
street; thence on the east side of
to the beginning.

The third is also in Franklintown
stone on northwest corner of A
streets; thence bounding on north
street north 11 degrees west 450 fo
northwest corner of Spring and P
thence on east side of Powhatan
east 220 feet to a stone on the cor
thence on south side of Walnut s
276 feet to a stone on northwest
street; thence on the west side of
beginning. The improvements a

FRAME DWELL

Known as the "Miller's
Terms.—1/3 cash at sale, and be
twelve months, with interest sec
of the undersigned.

April 12.—3t

- 947 VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND CEMETERY - 1897 - West side of Vernon Road, south of Gemmils. Brick church with open belfry built in 1897 to replace structure of 1871. Educational building attached in 1950. Church is gable roofed. Belfry base and eaves filled with imbricated wood shingles painted white. Lancet and gothic windows in various patterns with colored glass panes. Tower has three-part gothic window. Topped by pyramidal roof ending in a finial. Bracketed eaves. High Victorian Gothic style. Large cemetery across road.
- 951 SCOTT FULLER HOUSE - Before 1850 - South side of Mount Carmel Road, 0.2 mile west of Evna Road, Hereford vicinity. Shown on 1850 map as Nicholas Foster's and as William Foster's in 1877 atlas. Large L-shaped, 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ storey frame Victorian house with grey clapboard siding; gable roofing; vergeboards on eaves; 2-on-2 windows in main block; 6-on-6 in back building. One-bay pavilion projects from main facade. A log house imbedded in this spacious structure. North end faced the highway. Good condition after renovation in 1970's. Owner: Scott Fuller.
- 952 HEBB LOG FARM HOUSE - Before 1850 - North side of Mount Carmel Road, 0.15 mile west of Evna Road, Hereford vicinity. Shown as J. Spindler's on 1850 map and as John R. Spindler's in 1877 atlas. Small, plain, vernacular style house with outer wallcovering disguises a log cabin. Gable roof. Good condition. Owner: Dr. and Mrs. Donald B. Hebb.
- 955 FALLS ROAD IRON BRIDGE - 1890 - At crossing over Gunpowder Falls, 0.9 mile downstream of Prettyboy Dam, Wiseburg vicinity. Baltimore County Bridge No. 6. Four-paneled wrought-iron Pratt through-truss bridge of 87,72-foot span. Painted green; no nameplate; plank deck. In generally good condition per 1977 inspection report.
- 957 MASEMORE ROAD IRON BRIDGE - 1898 - At crossing over Gunpowder Falls, 1.5 mile north of Mount Carmel Road. Baltimore County Bridge No. 45. Five-paneled Pratt-through-truss bridge of 117.83-foot span. Plates and shapes of early acid-Bessemer steel; forged eyebars of wrought iron. Steel-mesh deck. Prefabricated by Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton, Ohio. In generally fair condition per 1977 bridge inspection report. Surrounded by Gunpowder State Park. Closed to traffic in 1978.

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